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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Secretary of State, 8:00 a.m.,
12 March 1983

1. Present were: Messrs. Shultz, Dam, Eagleburger, Montgomery, Casey and McMahon.

2. The Secretary opened the meeting by mentioning his opposition to the suggestion of use of the polygraph. He felt that there were too many invasions of privacy to force people to submit to the polygraph. Casey countered with the great deterrence the polygraph is to people who are prone to pass classified information and be involved with foreigners. He cited several examples and also described how we make use of the polygraph. The Secretary concluded that he would be willing to listen to arguments but he will give great scrutiny to the issue before passing on it--professing his basic negative attitude towards it.

3. He then discussed the Shamir visit and acknowledged that he would make sure that Ames was included in the meetings. The Director stated that he was particularly anxious that Ames be involved in the discussions on the SA-5s and further asked the Secretary to draw Shamir out regarding Israeli assessment of what the Soviets are up to in the Mid-East.

4. The Secretary indicated that he was meeting with the press at 9:30 and would be questioned on the alleged Rowny hit list. Asked if the Director had any guidance, none was forthcoming but Ken Dam, who had been called to testify at 5:00 on Friday before the Senate Foreign Relations on the subject, filled the Secretary in regarding his testimony.

5. The Director then raised his concerns about the hard position which the Soviets are taking worldwide as well as their hard-nosed activity. A general discussion ensued involving Soviet activities in the Mid-East and Afghanistan.

6. The Secretary asked the Director for the paper that was promised on China technology transfer. The Director passed him a memorandum [redacted] Having read the paper the Secretary asked me how he could follow up on it and I suggested he have whoever is working the problem for him either contact me [redacted] directly.

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10. The Director mentioned the recent three estimates on the Soviet Union and pointed out to Shultz that they are most important documents in that they lay out our concerns regarding monitoring the Soviets' strategic weapons and that he, the DCI, was anxious that everyone know this now and the gloomy prospects we have for monitoring so that we don't proceed with negotiations only to have the intelligence folks profess at the last minute their difficulty in monitoring. Shultz asked that the papers be given to him. Dan and Eagleburger also asked for copies. The Director told Shultz of his upcoming trip and was going to brief Nitze and Rowny on our limitations.

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13. After the meeting, Eagleburger asked if we could get anything done on the Soviet peace efforts in Afghanistan. I told him that we

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had a paper prepared and would get it to him. I later learned that it was published in the NID and Gates took the action to get Montgomery to get it to Eagleburger.

14. Montgomery also advised me of the transcript of Rick Burt's comments regarding the SS-20s where he spoke of the Soviets deploying "up to" 360 SS-20s.

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